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December 8, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange and Purchase
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Iron County
Land Transaction Case #20050570

Applicant: Margaret K. Cappone and Barbara L. Halazon, Crystal Falls, Michigan

Private Land Iron County, Mastodon Township, T42N, R33W: Section 33:
Offered In Exchange: That portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south of the west branch of
Armstrong Creek, except for the west 5.0 acres thereof.
(35.35 acres more or less)

Appraised Value: \$43,000.00

State Land Desired Iron County, Mastodon Township, T42N, R33W: Section 34:
In Exchange: The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$. (40 acres)

Appraised Value: \$43,000.00

Private Land Iron County, Mastodon Township, T42N, R33W: Section 33:
To be Purchased: the west 5.0 acres of that part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south of the
west branch of Armstrong Creek. (5.0 acres)

Purchase Price: \$7,000.00

Authority: Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources'
(Department) December 29, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on
January 5, 2009.

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Comments: This transaction consists of an equal value exchange, plus the purchase of a 5-acre parcel, all in Iron County, approximately eight miles southwest of Crystal Falls.

The offered private exchange and purchase parcels include 2,960 feet of frontage on Armstrong Creek, an important cold-water trout fishery and tributary to the Brule River. The property is accessible by traveling along the State-owned State Line railway corridor and over an adjoining State-owned parcel of land.

Forest cover consists of a mix of aspen and spruce with some lowland brush along the riparian corridor.

The desired State-owned land consists of a 40-acre parcel. It has a small amount of frontage on Armstrong Creek as well as frontage on a shallow pond known as Mud Lake. The property is considered to be landlocked. Like the offered land, it has primarily aspen cover with some spruce.

This transaction will contribute to the Department's Land Consolidation Strategy by acquiring lands which block in with other State-owned properties and by disposing of lands which provide comparatively few benefits to the Department's mission. This transaction will also enhance fisheries and recreation management potential.

The desired State-owned land was acquired by exchange in 1949 and has tax-reverted status, the land being acquired by exchange will assume tax reversion status.

The proposed exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on April 27, 2006. The Mineral and Land Management Section staff of the Department's Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division has determined that the Department does not own mineral rights to the desired State-owned land. The applicant's minerals are to be conveyed, if owned.

Recommendations: (1) That the exchange be approved under the authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the State reserving aboriginal antiquities.

(2) That the purchase of the 5-acre tract, as described, be approved with payment of \$7,000.00 to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Inland Waters Access Initiative, as contained in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.



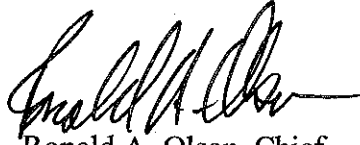
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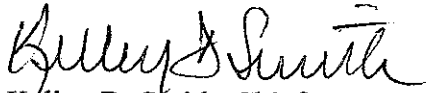
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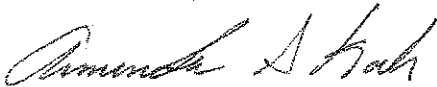
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Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendations.

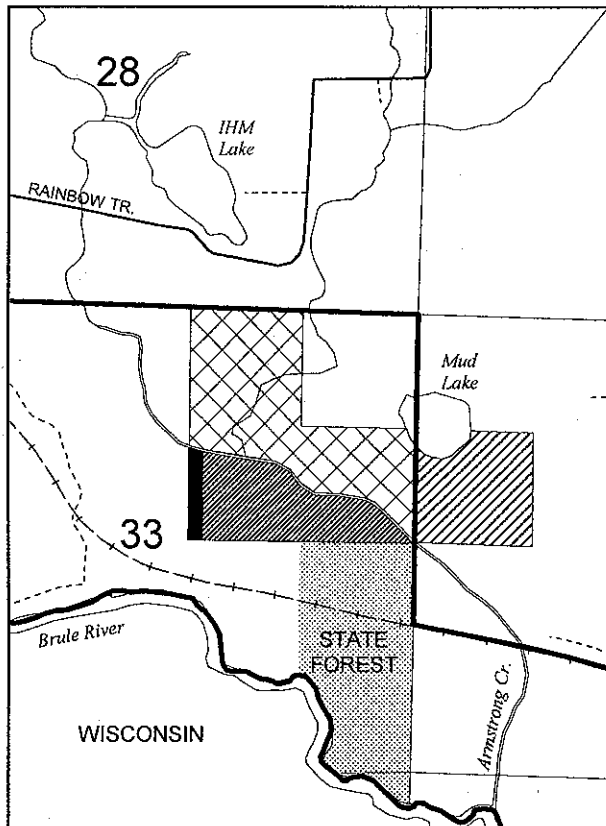
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

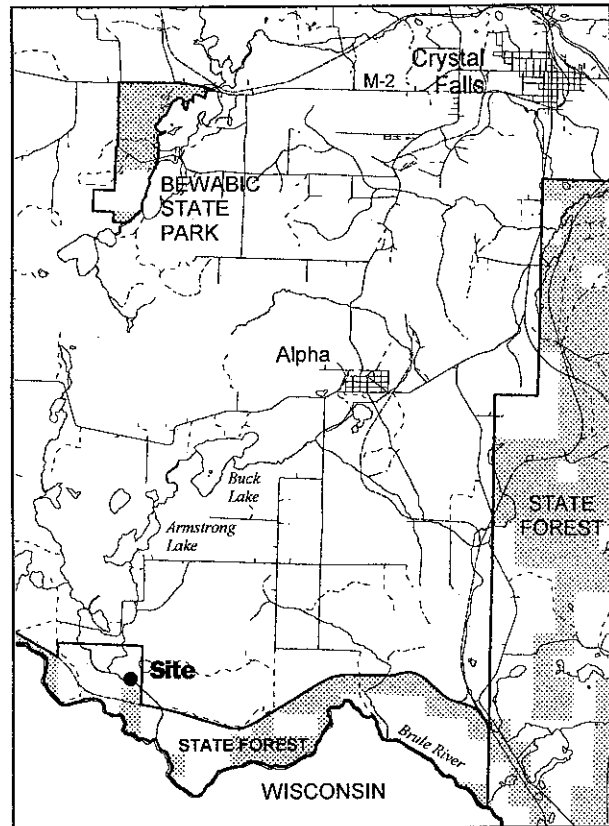
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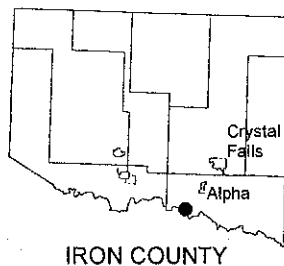


Sections 33 and 34, T42N, R33W
Mastodon Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- State land desired from DNR in exchange (40.00 acres)
- Private land offered to DNR in exchange (35.35 acres)
- Private land to be purchased (5 acres)
- Applicant's land
- State land
- Private land



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